



NEWS



A bouquet of flowers was presented by the Chairman to Jean Healey on Tuesday 30th July after she stepped down as Secretary a post held by her since the commencement of our Club.



We welcome another new member who has joined us – Rick Massie and he will be taking part in Club Day.

We now have a new gazebo together with one lent by Paul & Paula making a total of three to give welcome shade to members and guests.

Geoff Macro & Pete Howe have repositioned the hoops on all four lawns; that takes a lot of time - so our grateful thanks goes to both.

EMERGENCY BLANKETS

Thank you to Geoff Macro for donating two emergency blankets to the club. The sealed blankets are to be found on top of the cupboard. If emergency services need to be contacted the postcode for Forresters is on the noticeboard. There is always a member of Forrester's staff on duty who is a trained first aider and able to access a defibrillator.

CLUB DAY – TUESDAY 13th AUGUST

Coffee will be served from 9 am in the Clubhouse where the number draw for the day will take place. Please pre-order your drinks so they can be ready for you at lunch time. 44 members will be taking part. Gill and Jo are organising the day and there will be 49 in total for our lunch and tea when the results will be declared!!

The Georgie Clarke final will be played on the day and will be between:
Jean Healey and Pete Howe.

HOLIDAY HUNGER

See full article under Croquet in the Community.

To help this project and to say thank you to our benefactor we are asking members to donate by bringing their donations to Club Day.

Ann will have her car boot open for members to put in anything they wish to give to this project in the way of dried food items as listed.



EVENTS

On Monday 8th July, children from St. Luke's Primary School Tiptree visited Maldon Croquet Club. Tony has been running a croquet club with some Year 6 children in school and the final session enabled them to come and play on our lawns with a family member. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit with some hoping to be able to return in the future and further develop their croquet skills. The children send a massive thank you to all the members who were able to help out on the day and hopefully we will have some future croquet champions in the making!



On Wednesday 17th July Maldon U3A Lunch Group once again started with a sandwiches and chips lunch before 10 people enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon playing croquet.



Some of the visitors already play with the Maldon U3A group on alternate Thursday afternoons following their lunch visit in 2018.

We wait to see if any others join them after this session!



COMPETITIONS & MATCHES

Lakeside v Chelmsford Green
12th July at Writtle

EAST ANGLIAN GC HANDICAP LEAGUE

On 12th July Lakeside lost their match to Chelmsford Green 8-10 after a nail biting finish. Two of the final singles matches went to the golden hoop and were lost 6-7. We won hoops on the day 100-98. A very enjoyable day and almost as exciting as the cricket world cup two days later!!

On 9th August Lakeside hosted Chelmsford Blue and the result was a great win for Lakeside 12-6. Full report next month. The final Pavilion match is at home versus Southchurch on 16th August.

However Pavilion who lead the league cannot mathematically be beaten so irrespective of the result against Southchurch, Pavilion will go to the semi-final against the winner of North and Mid Area which will be held at Ipswich on 8th September.

All England GC Handicap Competition - South East England Area Finals, Surbiton

This national competition has been supported very well by the Club once again; this year sixteen members entered enabling four members to go to the South East England Area Finals held at Surbiton on 5th August. Neil Grandy, Neil Clark, Graham Parker and Chris Joslin won through from the club heats and flew the Maldon CC flag against very competent competition.

Beautiful, fast lawns (seven of them) enable accuracy which can be rewarding and frustrating in equal measure!! The twenty eight finalists are split into four groups of seven and thus we all played six games. Each game was highly competitive and many, if not most lasted well over an hour, the first games started at 9.30am and the last one finished at 7.30pm.



Graham & Neil Grandy



Surbiton's Lawns



Neil Clark

The winners of each group and probably the runners up qualify for the National Final at Camerton and Peasedown CC, Bath in September but sorry to say that none of the intrepid four won through despite very hard fought games. Nonetheless it was most enjoyable and a great experience and MCC members will be encouraged to enter next year.



CROQUET IN THE COMMUNITY

The aim of this initiative is to; make our club inclusive by offering the opportunity for anyone regardless of gender, age, ability or who come from lower socio-economic groups to enjoy the experience of playing Croquet.

Despite posters, magazines and newspaper articles it is proving more difficult to attract the people than expected. I believe there are several reasons for this, location, the image of elitism the game has and only "old" people play.

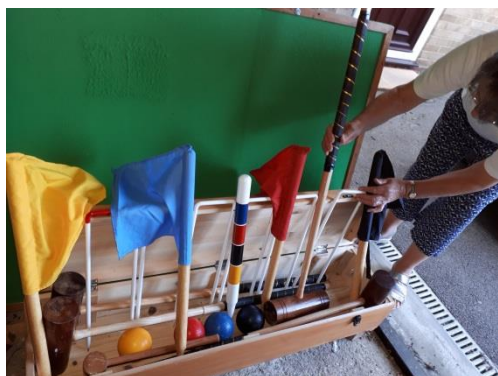
We have changed our approach and are now making contact with specific groups. Progress, albeit slow, is being made.

The Alzheimer group was booked in for August but for various reasons had to cancel. We will, as requested, follow up for next year. Maldon Pioneers have booked a session morning on Monday 2nd September. Staff from Maldon CVS have also booked for Monday morning 2nd September. CVS will take photos of themselves to use when they are promoting Croquet in The Community.

We will continue to do our best to make the initiative a success. In the meantime, any suggestions, ideas or contacts will be much appreciated.

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HOLIDAY HUNGER

The club has had donated a croquet set worth £400 nearly new – see picture. This will enable the club to take croquet out to the community visiting country shows, fetes, schools, and residential homes.

The lady who has donated the set is an ex teacher and works during the summer months on a project called 'Holiday Hunger'.

Holiday Hunger is linked to food banks run by the Trussell Trust. They provide meals to families whose children normally get free school meals. The list of food wanted include, tins of meat, fish, custard, potatoes, cereals, rice, pasta, powdered mash, jam spreads and long life fruit juice.